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Office Action Summary

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Ali Alavi

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 23-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 1-22 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 1, line 9, recites "said first attachment element". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record singly or in combination fails to teach or suggest all the features as presented in independent claims 1 and 23 which includes: a light apparatus having a light generating device, a battery housing, a first attachment mechanism secured to said battery housing, an elongate support conduit interposed between said light generating device and said battery housing, and a power source disposed within said battery housing, and wiring extending through said elongate support conduit and electrically coupling said light generating device to said power source, and a support structure having a second attachment mechanism configured to mate with said first attachment element, wherein said first attachment mechanism of said light apparatus includes one of a dovetail shaped element and a dovetail shaped cavity, and wherein said second attachment mechanism of said support structure includes the other of said dovetail shaped element and said dovetail shaped cavity.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Zeiler (US 2005/0111214) discloses a power tool and accessory, Horiyama (US Pat. NO 6,502,949) discloses an adapters for use with an electric power tool. All aforementioned references fail to teach every element of the claimed invention particularly an attachment mechanism including a dovetail shaped element and a dovetail shaped cavity.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to **Ali Alavi** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2365**. The examiner can normally be reached between 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Tuesday to Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandy O'Shea can be reached at (571) 272-2378 or you may fax your inquiry to the **Central Fax at (571) 273-8300**.

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